

Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 25, 2013

7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD, Dana Jones CFD, James Scullin VFFD, Gerard Dion VFFD. Commissioner absent – Ron Champagne CHFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting was made by Jim Scullin and seconded by Jim Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial/Legal – Jim Leonard will provide and update on the Cumberland Fire District budget. Jim Scullin will update the Valley Falls Fire District Budget, and Arthur Cowell will send a new Cumberland Hill Fire District budget.

Buildings & Apparatus – Arthur Cowell will do a walk through with Sean Thompson after Thanksgiving of the Rescue headquarters. Chief Jackvony spoke with Sean earlier and was told the space available is upstairs and very limited. Mike Spaziani suggested the Chiefs look for other space.

Labor – Mike Spaziani asked for a copy of the Cumberland Hill Fire Districts latest contract.

Media – Gerry Dion said the article in the latest edition of the Valley Breeze was good to a point. He has not had any other contact with the Breeze but will reach out again after the December meeting.

Old Business

Public Safety Complex – Dana Jones stated there was limited discussion this month

Entry Level Firefighter Test – 2 new firefighters were hired at NCFD and one at VFFD. Dana Jones questioned the hiring list. Chief Jackvony stated there were 3 good candidates. NCFD expects one retirement in July.

Fire District Historical Documentation – Mike Spaziani stated the Valley Breeze would like to document the history of the fire districts. Arthur Cowell suggested speaking with Chief Angell and Deputy Chief Dubois. He will try to get them together with Marcia Green.

New Business

Determination of Assets and Liabilities of the 4 Districts – John McCoy is gathering a binder of information about the budgets in the four fire districts. He needs copies of the most current budgets and all assets and liabilities. Liabilities include truck payments, COLA and health insurance to retirees. Mike Spaziani asked the commissioners to bring these items to the next meeting.

John McCoy noted that several differences in how business is handled will have to be resolved by the new fire district board. CHFD taxes for the previous year. Arthur Cowell stated that the budget is set in November and the bills are sent out the following June. CHFD recently changed the bylaws to change the annual meeting from the 2nd Monday in November to October 27 to set the budget. John McCoy noted there were several issues surrounding a unified budget. Jim Leonard stated that Lou Motta would be willing to help with the budget. John McCoy said the Mayor offered the town services to do an actuarial analysis. He will reach out to the Mayor. Mike Spaziani noted that assets, surplus, trucks, equipment and buildings all need to be documented and valued. John McCoy said everything needs to be documented so the new board knows what's what. Dana Jones asked the chiefs to analyze the equipment, condition, current worth and replacement cost. Each district should have documented what they bring to the new district.

Public Comment – none

Next Meeting – December 16, 2013 7pm

Motion was made by Gerry Dion to adjourn.

Seconded by Arthur Cowell.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:25